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In re: Martin R. Willard et al. Confirmation No.: 8579
Serial No.: 10/750,586 Examiner: C. Bruenjes
Filing Date: December 29, 2003 Group Art Unit: 1772
Docket No.: 1001.1714101 Customer No.: 28075
For: CATHETER INCORPORATING AN IMPROVED POLYMER SHAFT
Mail Stop Amendment
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Respectfully submitted,

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By their Attorney,

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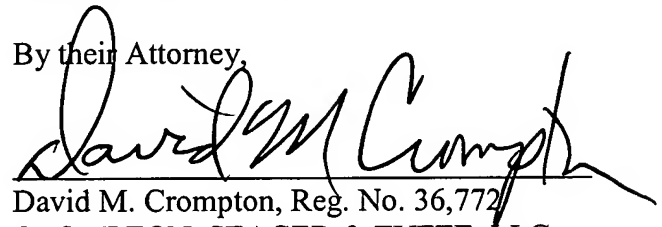
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AA	2003/0167051 A1	09/04/2003	Zhou	
AB	5,336,205	08/09/1994	Zenzen et al.	
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AD	EP 0 594 201 A2	04/27/1994	Europe	

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